

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1-3. (Previously Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the tachograph printer has an insertion opening, the conveying drive operates bidirectionally for conveying the print medium in and out of the tachograph printer and which is activated in such a way that it begins when the print medium is placed into the insertion opening in a threading direction.

5. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 4, wherein the printing unit prints on the print medium as it is conveyed in the threading direction or as it is conveyed in an output direction.

6-8. (Previously Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the tachograph printer has an insertion opening into which the print medium is inserted for printing.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the conveying device draws the print medium into the insertion opening and outputs the print medium therefrom after printing on the print medium.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the printing unit is in a rest state and the insertion of the print medium transfers it into an operating state.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 27, wherein the print medium is fed to the printing unit in sections, and the feeding of each section initiates a conveying and printing operation, and the output of the printed section concludes the one conveying and printing operation.

13. (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the print configuration design further defines one or more of ~~is selected from the group consisting of~~ a color[[,] and an edge contour ~~and a printed marking~~.

15. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the print medium is a paper strip.

16. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 15, wherein the paper strip has at least one fold.

17. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the print medium is provided with a human-readable marking or symbols identifying the specific content of the printout.

18. (Previously Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A motor vehicle tachograph printer for printing on a print medium, comprises:

a printing unit for printing on the print medium;
a conveying drive for moving the print medium in and out of the printer;
at least one sensor for determining the locations of one or more printed markings on reading a print configuration design associated with the print medium, ~~wherein the print configuration design specifies a desired print configuration used by the printing unit~~; and

a control unit coupled to the printing unit, the conveying unit and the at least one sensor, wherein the control unit ~~determines from the at least one sensor the is configured to:~~

store information regarding a plurality of different print configuration designs, including (a) locations for one or more printed markings corresponding to each different print configuration design and (b) print content corresponding to each different print configuration design;

identify, based on the stored information, a particular one of the print configuration designs corresponding to the locations of the one or more printed markings determined by the at least one sensor;

identify, based on the stored information, the print content corresponding to the identified particular configuration design; and

activate the printing unit to print the identified print content onto the print medium.

~~print configuration design associated with the print medium, whereby the control unit applies the desired print configuration to a specific content of a printout that is printed onto the print medium.~~

20. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the conveying drive is a stepping motor.

21. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, further comprising:

operating elements coupled to the control unit, wherein the operating elements are used to input information into the control unit;

a display panel coupled to the control unit, the display panel adapted for displaying information from the control unit to a user;

a vehicle parameter interface to the motor vehicle, the vehicle parameter interface supplying vehicle operating information to the control unit; and

a communications interface coupled to the control unit.

22. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the print configuration design is a printed pattern on and biased toward at least one edge of the print medium.

23. **(Currently Amended)** The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the print configuration design further includes is a cutout pattern in at least one edge of the print medium.

24. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 19, wherein the print medium is a paper print medium.

25. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 24, wherein the paper print medium is fanfold paper.

26. (Previously Presented) The tachograph printer according to claim 24, wherein the paper print medium is a paper card.

27. **(Currently Amended)** A method for printing on a print medium with a motor vehicle tachograph printer, comprising the steps of:

~~printing on the print medium with a printing unit;~~
~~storing information regarding a plurality of different print configuration designs, including (a) locations for one or more printed markings corresponding to each different print configuration design and (b) print content corresponding to each different print configuration design;~~

~~moving the print medium in and out of the printer unit with a conveying drive;~~
~~reading a print configuration design determining the locations of one or more printed markings on the print medium with using at least one sensor, wherein the print configuration design specifies a desired print configuration used by the printing unit;~~
~~determining, based on the stored information, a particular one of the print configuration designs corresponding to the locations of the one or more printed markings determined by from the at least one sensor the print configuration design on the print medium with a control unit; and~~
~~determining, based on the stored information, the print content corresponding to the particular configuration design; and~~
~~printing a specific the determined print content of a printout onto the print medium using the desired print configuration according to the print configuration design determined with the control unit.~~

28. **(Previously Presented)** The method according to claim 27, further comprising the steps of:

inputting information into the control unit with operating elements coupled to the control unit;
displaying information from the control unit to a user with a display panel;
supplying vehicle operating information to the control unit with a vehicle parameter interface; and
communicating with the control unit through a communications interface.